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**SPIRITUS
EX MACHINA**

PART ONE

**DOES A
MACHINE
HAVE A SOUL?**



PLUM



PHARAOH MAN:
MENACE TO SOCIETY?

DR. LIGHT & DR. LALONDE
IS IT LOVE?



**EMERALD SPEARS
STRIKE IN MIDTOWN**



SPAZ • MORGAN

IN THE YEAR 200X, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN WAS CREATED BY DR. LIGHT TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

MEGA MAN™

PREVIOUSLY...

When Dr. Light first unveiled his series of ROBOT MASTERS, he hoped to push the boundaries of advanced robotics and create a race of beings that would work to build a better world. Little did he know the corrupt Dr. Wily would use Light's technology to unleash terror upon the very people they were meant to help and protect. That's when a helpful lab assistant robot named Rock volunteered to become a hero of the defenseless, and a challenger of evil. A super fighting robot named MEGA MAN!

Mega Man was able to defeat the plans of Dr. Wily, and the mad doctor was imprisoned for his crimes. Light Labs was able to re-program the former adversaries to fight alongside Mega Man in the battle against evil. But Wily broke free from prison, and decided to exact his revenge on the world.

Mega Man was able to stop Dr. Wily's ambitions once again, but the mad scientist escaped at the last moment. With Wily's whereabouts currently unknown, Dr. Light and Rock turn their focus back to robotics. The Advanced Robotics Trade Show has begun, and with Wily missing in action...

...nothing could possibly go wrong...
...could it?

CHARACTER SELECT



MEGA MAN



PHARAOH MAN



DR. LALONDE



QUAKE WOMAN

SPIRITUS EXMACHINA

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CHILDREN...

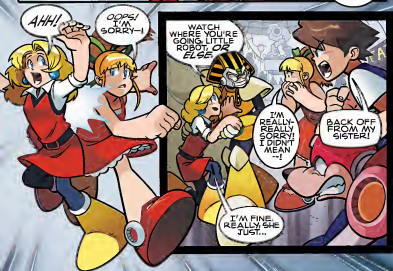
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TRADE
SHOW!

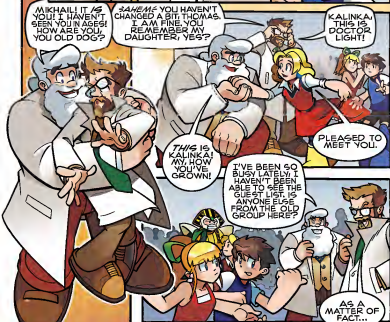
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LOOK AT ALL
THE DIFFERENT
ROBOTS!

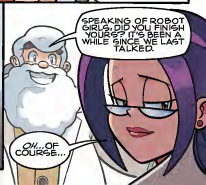
THIS IS THE
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PLACE,
EVER!

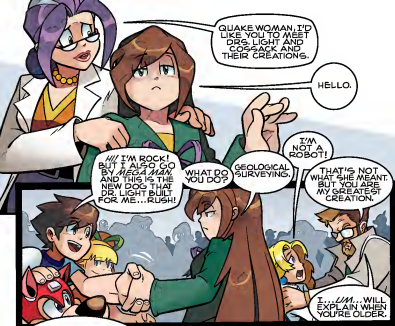
HERE, THE GREATEST
MINDS IN ADVANCED
ROBOTICS GATHER TO
COMPARE NOTES, SHOW
OFF OUR LATEST DESIGN,
AND DISCUSS THE
FUTURE OF...

HATE TO
BURST YOUR
BULB, SIR...









"NOBODY'S BEEN BACK THERE SINCE YOU LEFT, RIGHT?"

MEANWHILE, IN THE AMAZON JUNGLE...

KZZZZT!

ROCKITY-ROCKITY-ROCKITY-

K-TANK!

PSSSSSSSSSSSSHOOOOOO

HMPH I THOUGHT IT'D MAKE IT A LITTLE FARTHER, BUT IT SHOWS THAT MYSTERIOUS EMP* FIELD IS STILL ACTIVE AFTER SO MANY YEARS.

*ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
PULSE
--EDITOR.

HEH HEH HEH... BETWEEN THE LOCAL SUPERSTITIONS AND THE U.N. SANCTION OF THIS PLACE, I SHOULD HAVE THE AREA ALL TO MYSELF!

SHUFF! HUFFLE
KEEP AT IT, ALBERT
...IT'LL BE WORTH IT...

NOT ONLY
SHUFFLE WILL
YOU GET TO
SHOW UP
THOMAS...

...BUT YOU'LL ~~WHEEZE~~
SHOW UP THE ENTIRE
~~GASPE~~ WORLD BY
~~WHEEZE~~ SOLVING THE
~~GASPE~~ MYSTERY OF THE
~~WHEEZE~~ LANFRONT
~~GASPE~~ RUINS.

STUPID EMP
FIELD ~~WHEEZE~~
CAN'T USE ROBOTS
~~GASPE~~ GONNA
HAVE A HEART
ATTACK
~~WHEEZE~~

MEANWHILE...

...SO IF YOU USE THE COPY CHIP, SHOULDN'T YOU BE "COPY MAN"...?

YEAH, BUT MY PRIMARY WEAPON IS MY MEGA BUSTER, SO IT'S "MEGA MAN."

I SUPPOSE...

THEN AGAIN, I CAN USE RUSH FOR ALL SORTS OF SUPPORT OPTIONS, BUT YOU WOULDN'T CALL ME "RUSH MAN," BUT WHAT ABOUT *YOU*? YOU AREN'T REALLY A PHARAOH.

NO, BUT I EXCAVATE AND STUDY THEIR TOMBS. I'M BUILT WITH THE SPEED AND AGILITY NEEDED TO AVOID THE ANCIENT TRAPS, AND ENHANCED OPTICS TO NAVIGATE THE GLOOM...

...WHICH YOU NEED TO COPY, APPARENTLY. DID DR. LIGHT NOT OUTFIT YOU WITH PROXIMITY AWARENESS?

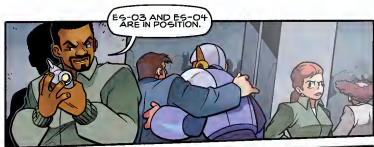
ER... UH... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. CARRY ON.

THANK YOU, SIR! SORRY AGAIN!

SORRY!
SORRY-SORRY-SORRY!
THERE'S JUST SO MANY PEOPLE, AND--!

YOU GO ON AHEAD, ROCK. KALINKA AND I ARE GOING TO CHECK OUT THE SHOW SOME MORE. RUSH CAN HAVE MY SEAT.

THIS IS ES-20 CHECKING IN. POSITION SECURED.





ALEXANDER,
MAN, YOU'RE
HARSHIN' UP
MY VIBE, MAN.

"XANDER."
CALL ME
"XANDER."

WHATEVER,
MAN. NAMES
ARE JUST
LABELS. NOW,
LISTEN, WE...

WILL YOU
STOP WITH
THE VIOLENT
POSTURE
?!

WE'RE ABOUT
PROTECTING
THE PEOPLE
FROM THEM-
SELVES.

WE'RE STILL GONNA
DESTROY THE
ROBOTS, BUT DON'T
FORGET THE BIG
PICTURE, MAN. WE'RE
HERE TO CHANGE
MINDS.

SO
MELLOW OUT
WHILE I DEAL
WITH THE LAB
COAT-TYPES,
AKAY?

SURE,
YOU'RE THE ONE
RUNNING THIS
SHOW.

IS THERE A
PROBLEM?

...NO.
NOT
YET.

HARVEY PUT
ALL THIS TO-
GETHER, SO
WE'LL SEE
HOW IT PLAYS
OUT.

BUT IF IT
LOOKS LIKE
HE'S GOING
TO BUNGLE
THIS...

"I'LL
STEP IN."

GOOD EVENING. IF EVERYONE WOULD
TAKE THEIR SEATS, WE WILL BEGIN
TONIGHT'S DEBATE WILL BE ON THE TOPIC
OF ADVANCED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
IN THE NEXT GENERATIONS OF ROBOTS.

I AM DOCTOR
MIKHAIL COSSACK,
THE EVENING'S
MODERATOR.

JOINING US TONIGHT TO
ARGUE THE *BENEFITS*
OF ADVANCED A.I. RESEARCH
AND APPLICATION IS
DR. THOMAS LIGHT OF
LIGHT LABS.

THANK YOU, EVERY-
ONE. I WILL DO MY
BEST.

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

SPEAKING *AGAINST* ADVANCED
A.I. DEVELOPMENT WILL BE DOCTOR
NOELE LAUNDE OF GEOWORKS
INTERNATIONAL.

THANK YOU,
EVERYONE.

YOU'RE DEBATING
AGAINST ME?

YOU *DID* READ THE
ITINERARY BEFORE
AGREEING TO THE
DEBATE, DIDN'T YOU?

THAT'S NOT WHAT
I MEANT, BUT,
WELL, NO, I
DIDN'T QUITE HAVE
A CHANCE. I'VE
BEEN... PRE-
OCCUPIED.

I KNOW, AND
THAT'S PART OF
THE NIGHT'S
DISCUSSION.



YES, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I ASKED. PROCESSING DATA IS ONE THING. ANY CALCULATOR CAN DO THAT. WHY SHOULD WE STRIVE TO MAKE THE CALCULATOR THINK ABOUT THE MEANING OF ITS NUMBERS? WHY DO WE NEED TO HAVE THEM ACT LIKE THEY FEEL GOOD ABOUT A COMPUTATION WELL DONE?

THE ROBOTS
WE'RE TALK-
ING ABOUT
ARE FAR MORE
COMPLEX THAN
A CALCULATOR.

PRECISELY. SO
WHY SHOULD
WE COMPLICATE
MATTERS FURTHER?

EMOTIONAL RESPONSES
WITHIN HUMANS ARE SOME-
THING WE *STRUGGLE* TO
UNDERSTAND TODAY. WHY GIVE
A ROBOT A HEART WE CAN
BREAK? WHY BUILD A ROBOT
THAT COULD *BREAK OURS*?

WHY CREATE A PERSONAL ATTACHMENT
TO OUR TOOLS, WHICH ARE, ULTIMATELY, DISPOS-
ABLE? HOW CAN WE SEND THESE ROBOTS INTO
DANGEROUS SCENARIOS ONCE WE CAN ENJOY
THEIR COMPANY? ISN'T IT SELF-DESTRUCTIVE
TO FORM BONDS WITH ROBOTS WE KNOW CAN
EASILY BE DESTROYED?

IF WE'RE TO FOLLOW
THAT LINE OF THOUGHT,
WHY SHOULD WE
INTERACT WITH EACH
OTHER AT ALL?

I'M SORRY...
WHERE DO YOU
MAKE THAT
CONNECTION?

I CONSTRUCTED
TWO ADVANCED
A.I. ROBOTS.

YOU WOULD CALL THEM
MODELS DLN-001 AND
DLN-002, BUT I CALL
THEM MY *CHILDREN*.

I MAY HAVE BUILT THEM
BY HAND, TYPED THEIR
CODING MYSELF, BUT AS
MY CHILDREN... THEY HAVE
ENRICHED MY LIFE AND
HELPED ME GROW AS A
PERSON.

THEY'VE BROUGHT ME THE SAME FEARS AND JOYS OF ANY PARENT, NO FACELESS, NAMELESS, LIFELESS TOOL CAN DO THAT!

THEN WHAT ABOUT YOUR ROBOT MASTERS, THOMAS?

WHAT ABOUT THEM?

YOU GAVE THEM JUST AS MUCH PERSONALITY, BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP DR. WILY FROM USING THEM AS WEAPONS AGAINST HUMANITY! IT WOULD BE HARD ENOUGH TO LOSE YOUR CREATIONS, BUT WOULDN'T YOU CALL THEM YOUR FRIENDS?

WELL, YES, BUT...

AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR "SON" ROCK? THE ONE YOU WEAPONIZED TO CONFRONT DR. WILY--TWICE.*

NOW, WAIT JUST A MINUTE--!!

CAN YOU HONESTLY SAY IT WAS BETTER THAT YOU SENT YOUR "SON" AGAINST THE VIOLENT ROBOT MASTERS, RATHER THAN "SOME ROBOT" ...? COULD YOUR HEART STAND IT...

*WHINEE

*SEE MEGA MAN GRAPHIC NOVEL VOLUMES 1 AND 3, VOL. 3 AVAILABLE SUMMER 2012.

"...IF DR. WILY
HAD DESTROYED
HIM?"

WHEW!
AT LEAST IT'S
LESS HUMID
IN HERE...

WHAT
COULD BE
CAUSING
THE ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
FIELD?

THE LANFRONT
PEOPLE HAD SOME
ADVANCED ARCH-
TECTURAL AND
STONWORK SKILLS,
BUT NOTHING THAT
COULD...

Click!

AAAA
IIIIIIIE
EEEE!



A.R.T.S.
CONVENTION...

I HAVE TO ASK--DOES YOUR *CURRENT* VIEW ON THIS TOPIC HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH QUAKE WOMAN? WASN'T SHE PLANNED TO HAVE THE SAME LEVEL OF PERSONALITY AS ROCK AND BE USED FOR RESEARCH...

AS A MATTER OF FACT, SHE'S *PRECISELY* THE SCENARIO WE NEED TO PREVENT FROM--

THIS DOCTOR'S GOT IT!

...IN HIGHLY UNSTABLE ENVIRONMENTS...?

JUST A MOMENT. LET'S NOT MAKE THIS TOO PERSONAL...

HER ROBOT, HIS ROBOT, ALL OF YOUR ROBOTS--THEY NEED TO BE PREVENTED!

WHAT THE--? RUSH! GET READY FOR ANYTHING!

YOUR ROBOTS NEED TO BE DESTROYED FOR THE FUTURE OF MANKIND! EMERALD SPEARS! LANCE OUT!





HUMANS TO
THE FRONT!
MOVE IT!
ROBOTS---
GET OUT OF
THE WAY!

W-W-WHO
ARE THESE
PEOPLE...?



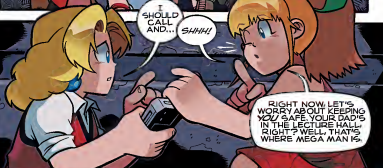
COME ON!
WE'VE GOT
TO HIDE YOU
SO YOU'RE
SAFE!

B-B-BUT
WH-WHAT
ABOUT
POPPA?



I
SHOULD
CALL
AND...

SHHH!



RIGHT NOW, LET'S
WORRY ABOUT KEEPING
YOU SAFE. YOUR DAD'S
IN THE LECTURE HALL,
RIGHT? WELL, THAT'S
WHERE MEGA MAN IS.

"HE'LL TAKE CARE
OF EVERYONE!"

HURRY
UP IT'S FOR
YOUR OWN
GOOD!

AHHH!

HEY!

TAKE IT
EASY ON
THEM! IT'S DARK
AND THEY'RE
CONFUSED!

MAKE ME.
I'LL FIGHT BACK.
EXCEPT YOU
CAN'T MAKE ME
DO ANYTHING,
CAN YOU?

ER...UM...
ARE YOU...UM
...ALL RIGHT,
MISS?

...FIRST LAW OF
ROBOTICS. BRING
NO HARM TO A
HUMAN.

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
NOW KEEP OUT OF THE
WAY. WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP
THESE PEOPLE FROM
FURTHER HARM, SO IT'S
NOT YOUR CONCERN, ROBOT.

ER...THIS WAY,
MA'AM. JUST
...JUST DO AS
THEY SAY...

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D
WANT WILY'S COODING BACK
IN MY SYSTEM. ONE OVER-
RIDE AND I COULD JUST...

DON'T SAY THAT.
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT I'D DO IF
WILY REPRO-
GRAMMED ME...
JUST COOL YOUR
CIRCUITS FOR NOW.



NEXT ISSUE



SPIRITUS
EX MACHINA
PART 2

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MASTER WORKS

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Dear Mega-Mail,
I think the new Mega Man series is great!

Thanks! We love what we do! :)

When are you guys at Archie comics going to put in Rush and Proto Man?

As you can see with this issue, Mega Man (and everyone's!) favorite robot dog RUSH has debuted! As for Proto Man, sit tight for some exciting new announcements coming soon!

Also are you or when are you going to put in the 3rd wave of robot masters? For example guys like Needle Man, Shadow Man, Magnet Man, and the rest of the robot masters?

We've got big plans for the next wave of robot masters, but we're also not going to rush (ha!) to get there. We've got A LOT of Mega-ground to cover in the next year, and we hope all you loyal Mega Man fans will dig what we have in store!

Please write back,
Matt T.
sent to Megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks for the letter, Matt! Keep reading!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I finally caught myself up (and even renewed my subscription). You guys are doing a great job!

Thank you, we always appreciate the support!

I am really enjoying the nods to the games (like

Metal Man being weak to his own attack). I also really enjoyed what you did with Quick Man, especially since he's my favorite robot master.

He's one of my favorites, too!

Oh, and I totally second Mega Man X and Mega Man Legends spin offs series in the future. You could even make a Bonne Family exclusive series!

Legends, too? Oh boy, that's a lot of titles. Well nothing's impossible!

Jonathan B.
sent to Megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks for the letter, Jonathan!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Hey Archie crew!
Hey letter-writer-person!

You guys are doing a great job, the Mega 2 adaption your doing is awesome. The added virus drama is just what this book needed.

I loved that twist that Ian put on the MM2 adaptation with the virus, added tons of extra dramatic-goodness!

Is that a foreshadowing of a certain dynamic duo of maverick hunters?

Yooooooooo!!! seeeee...

Current fav robot master is Crash Man. Every panel is awesome.

Yeah Ben really tore it up with that scene! Possibly my favorite sequence from the

comic yet! Glad to hear you enjoyed it!

Could you do something like the Ruby Spears cartoon though? Life between games, small Wily plots that are doomed from the beginning, stuff like that? That would be great, plus some timeline crossovers couldn't hurt either. How would Mega react to Rock Volturn? Oh, please more robot master puns!

Proto-fan,
Sebastian M.
sent to Megaman@archiecomics.com

Well, Sebastian, as you can see with this very issue we gave a little tip of the ol' hat to the Ruby Spears cartoon by titling the terrorist organization the "Emerald Spears"! As for the slower-paced stuff, you can definitely look forward to change-ups in issue pacing over the next year or so. We listen very closely to what you fans out there demand, and we're here to make the book the best it can be for you!

Remember, Mega-fans, to get out there to your local retailer and "DEMAND YOUR MEGA MAN"! This series has reached far and wide but we won't stop until everyone out there can follow the adventures of the blue bomber at every retailer available! If your comic shop or book store doesn't carry the series, make sure you let them know that you "DEMAND YOUR MEGA MAN"!

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SPIRITUS
EX NUCLEUM: PART TWO

THE EMERALD SPEARS

STRIKE

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